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Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

News and Information from the
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Journeying Into the Suburban Wilderness

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As the Israelites were called out of Egypt and into the wilderness by God, so too has St. Stephen's Lutheran Church been called into our suburban wilderness.

In 2003, our congregation was designated as a transformational congregation by the Division for Outreach and the Northwest Washington Synod. St. Stephen's was in need of revitalization and significant change was necessary in our way of being and doing church. Going back to the basics of discerning we emerged with a sense that God was calling us into transformation to engage those who are not stepping through the doors of traditional churches in our neighborhoods. During the past two years and much trial and error, we have developed a reformed understanding that our missional outreach is dependent upon our willingness to share our faith with people in our daily networks – our future relies on relationships.

St. Stephen's adjusted its organization to address this relational reality. We transitioned from a single community into a variety of middle-sized groups called "hubs" which typically gather 16-30 people and meet in both traditional and casual settings. While

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Synod Assembly News

The Northwest Washington 2006 Synod Assembly will take place on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th Street SW, Lynnwood. The theme will be Global Mission and World Hunger. Keynote speaker for this year's Assembly is the Reverend Howard (Howie) Wennes. For more information, please visit the Synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on the link (2006 Synod Assembly) on the right side of the page.

More information about the 2006 Synod Assembly can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

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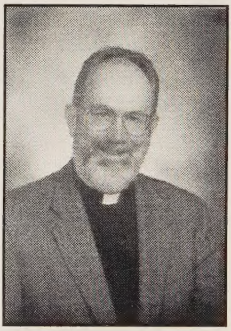
A Word From The Bishop

...for the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves to be paid."1
1 Timothy 5:18 (Used with permission)



The Reverend Chris Boerger

At the Synod Assembly last May we passed a resolution that encouraging congregations to observe the laws related to the printing of material that is covered by copyright restrictions. As I visit congregations, I am concerned with the number of bulletins or service folders that print liturgies, hymns, or songs without statements of copyright permission. Materials from *Renewing Worship* can be printed, but the accompanying copyright permission should be printed as well.

With the arrival of the licensing groups like (Christian Copyright License Inc (CCLI) and onelicense.net the ability to keep the seventh commandment exists. Yes, there are costs to obtain such a license, but there are also costs if a congregation is sued for failure to obtain copyright permission. GIA licenses cover most of the Marty Haugen material and Taize material. The existence of these licenses takes away the excuse that it is inconvenient to get these permissions.

I would like to believe that what I am observing is the failure to print the fact that a congregation has obtained a license. I would ask that we demonstrate our good faith in keeping the law to our members and visitors who come to worship with us. Congregations are examples to their members in their observance of laws, their stewardship of money and people, and in their activities in the community. This area of copyright permission is one where we should take the lead in observing and teaching.

As more and more worship and educational materials are available in electronic format the ability to reprint material will increase. As we print more material locally, we will need to be attentive to obtaining and noting the permission to reprint material that is copyrighted.

There are a variety of reasons why we have not been as thorough as we ought. We can keep the law and support those whose creativity adds to the worship of God's people. I write this to encourage you and the congregations you serve to obtain the appropriate permissions and to be an example to others in printing that permission so that all can see that we are keeping the law.

Editor's Note: You can find CCLI on the web at www.ccli.com/UnitedStates.cfm and you can find onelicense at www.onelicense.net.

Synod News

One-Day Bishop Convo

A one-day Bishop Convo will be held on Thursday, March 16, at First Lutheran Church in Bothell. Keynote speaker is Red Burchfield who will be sharing information about the importance of outreach.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with worship beginning at 9 a.m. The Convo will end at 3 p.m.

Cost is $18 for active rostered personnel and $15 for retired. The cost of the event includes lunch.

Registration information will be sent to you by mail by the first week in February.

2006 Synod Assembly Information

Nominations

The 2006 Synod Assembly will elect persons to serve in the capacities of: Synod Vice President, Synod Secretary, Synod Council and 2007 Churchwide Assembly voting members. A nomination form is available on the synod website. Reproduce the form and make it available to qualified people.

Deadlines for the nominations are as follows:

- March 1—All nominations must be submitted to the synod office
- March 18—The synod council will receive the nominating committee's report
- April 2—Congregations will receive the nominations report

If you have questions concerning the process or details of the positions, please contact Kim Unti, nominations committee chair, at kim.unti@comcast.net; 425-226-2420 (day); or 425-271-5914 (evening).

Reference and Counsel

Any resolutions to be considered by the 2006 Synod Assembly shall be received in the office of the chairperson of the Reference and Counsel Committee by March 1, 2006, unless the Synod Council or the Reference and Counsel Committee determines that it is consistent with provisions of the Standing Rules adopted by the Synod Assembly for consideration.

The Resolution form can be found on the Synod website at: www.lutheransnw.org/news/Assembly2006/ResolutionForm.pdf.

If anyone would like to submit a resolution to the Assembly, but needs information or help in drafting their resolution, please email me with your questions. A member of the committee will be more than happy to help you in your endeavor. For more information please contact: Rev. Christopher D. Berry, chair, revrefcdberry@comcast.net.

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St. Stephen's

this missional ministry translated to a slight increase in growth, in July 2005 our funds were nearly depleted. Confronted by this shortfall, St. Stephen's held a series of special congregational meetings; on January 8 we celebrated our last worship service at our Shoreline building, and we have since transitioned to being an intentional nomadic community redefining our "home" as our community and the faith we share in Christ.

As we continue to live into our missional call, we are adjusting our ministry to include the creation of small affinity groups (6-8 people), the expansion and structure of our celebration service (80-125+ people gathered from all hubs) and the creation of a Mission House. This Mission House is a residential house which serves as an incubator for affinity groups and hubs: a warm and welcoming place where people are nurtured in relationship and faith so that they may grow to maturity as disciples.

The goal of St. Stephen's is not to reestablish a traditional church, but to continue our suburban emergent ministry -- our call into the suburban wilderness -- to create a network of small affinity groups, hubs and mission houses which transcend geographical boundaries. This being our focus, St. Stephen's, however, continues to honor the role of traditional churches and understands that our future is contingent upon partnerships with established congregations. Affinity groups, hubs and mission houses hopefully will provide an access point and an incubator for discipling people who are unfamiliar with or disillusioned by "church". As they grow in faith, people may want access to more formalized worship and specialized programs available in traditional congregations, and we bless this freedom for people to move beyond our affinity and hub groups.

Our call to this vision is an ambitious one and has been challenged with the difficult process of transforming from a family-sized traditional congregation of primarily the builder generation to a wilderness community that now spans three generations. These past two and a half years have been filled with fear as well as excitement. We don't have all the answers and the unexplored terrain continues to be demanding. On our journey, our community has shrunk to perhaps only forty. Yet, we have a deeper faith in God's call and in our potential. St. Stephen's embodies the parable of the mustard seed, hoping to reflect the kingdom of heaven and grow to become a place where people both inside and outside of the church can make their home as disciples of Christ.

> The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.
> Matthew 13:31-32

Synod Council Update

by Sharon Greenwood, Vice President

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The Synod Council met on January 21st at St. Andrew's in Bellevue. The Council made appointments as follows:

- Alicia Guildner (First Evangelical, Mount Vernon) to fill the unexpired term as the Youth Member of the Synod Council.
- Millie Fosberg (Burlington, Burlington) to the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee.
- David Swartling (Bethany, Bainbridge Island) to serve as Parliamentarian at the 2006 Synod Assembly

The Council authorized expenditures totaling $1,425,000 for 2006. This amount was based on anticipated 2006 receipts, which was determined by looking at trends over the last several years. The total amount authorized is $75,000 less than the 2006 budget of $1,500,000, which was adopted by the 2005 Synod Assembly. The major differences are in the 45% churchwide share ($33,750), Lutheran Community Services NW ($12,000), Washington Association of Churches ($5,000), Luther Seminary ($3,000), PLTS ($3,000), committees ($9,555), compensation and administration ($9,195). The Synod Council will monitor receipts throughout the year and make adjustments to the expenditure authorization as appropriate.

The Council approved compensation for 2006 for staff in the Office of the Bishop totaling $337,040, including benefits. Compensation for the Bishop and Assistant to the Bishop are at 75% between base and parity on the compensation guidelines grid for their respective years of service. The Synod Council directed the Personnel and Finance Committees to develop a plan to move compensation for rostered synod staff toward parity.

The Council designated the recipients of the 2006 Synod Assembly offering to be the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and El Camino de Emaus, an authorized worshiping community of the Northwest Washington Synod. The Council requested the Nominating Committee to seek nominations for PLU Corporate Delegates from Cluster Deans for affirmation by the Synod Assembly.

The Council received reports from the Missional Coordinating Team for Church in Society, the Constitution & Legal Matters Committee, and the Organizational Structure Task Force. The Council heard about outreach and education ministries at St. Andrew's and engaged in dialog about the role of the synod relative to the congregation.

Minutes for Synod Council meetings, as well as the agenda for the most recent meeting, are posted at www.lutheransnw.org/news/default.asp. And minutes for the 2005 Synod Assembly are posted at www.lutheransnw.org/news/Assembly2005/default.asp.

For additional information or to offer input to the Synod Council, please contact any member of the Council. You may find contact information for Council members at www.lutheransnw.org/about/council.asp. The next Synod Council meeting will take place on Saturday, March 18, at the St. James site in the White Center neighborhood in Seattle.

New Worship Hymnal

In March every church in the ELCA will receive a free Preview Kit for Evangelical Lutheran Worship. This multi-media kit includes a full-color brochure showing all of the initially-available product, a sampler of actual content from the upcoming Evangelical Lutheran Worship Pew Edition, posters to help churches let everyone know about the new resource, an audio CD with liturgical music recordings, a CD-ROM with editable resources to help introduce Evangelical Lutheran Worship to your congregation, offering envelopes and bookplates. These Preview Kit resources will help inform and prepare everyone as we head into a new generation in Lutheran worship.

Read more about the new resources at www.renewingworship.org, or www.augsburgfortress.org.

State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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By the time this reaches you the state legislature will be near its last week of session. Key decisions regarding the budget are always made in the final days of any legislative session. We need to let our elected officials know that governmental budgets are also moral documents. They are to reflect how well we take care of our children, the poor, the unemployed, the homeless, the elderly and the disadvantaged. Here are two critical budget issues:

- Reducing Hunger and Poverty—Funding for the expansion of our state's school breakfast program: . The monetary ask is $2 million. One million to increase access by enlarging the free breakfast program; to increase the state's Meals for Kids fund by $950,000 and $50,000 to be added each year in start-up monies for summer lunch programs. Remind them that hungry kids don't learn as well as kids that are properly fed.
- Increasing the Accessibility and Availability of Affordable Health Care and Housing—Help eliminate the waiting list (nearly 13,000 kids) for our state's Medicaid program. It will take $18.7 million to reinstate health coverage for these kids who are on households below 100% of the FPL (approximately $16,000 for a family of four).

Lutheran Public Policy is working with the Children's Alliance on both of these critical issues. For more information you can visit their website at www.childrensalliance.org.

The toll free number to call to leave a message for any or all three of your state legislators is 1-800-562-6000. The hours during session are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays (translators are to be available).

Pastor Hookham Installed

The Rev. Susan Hookham was installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bellingham, Sunday, January 29, 2006. Two weeks earlier she was ordained at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Everson, her home congregation. Rev. Hookham has not been a stranger in the Whatcom area as she has provided pulpit supply in many of the congregations there while awaiting her first call. St. John's congregation is excited to begin this new chapter in their history, for the first time with a woman pastor. Their vision includes reaching out into the surrounding neighborhood with the hospitality of Jesus and inviting people to join them on their faith journey.

Partners for Nurture

Peace, Justice and Hope was the theme for this 26th year of **Partners for Nurture**, the event for Christian educators, Sunday school teachers, confirmation and youth leaders as well as pastors. This event is meant as continuing education and spiritual nurture for these very important leaders in our congregations, those who shape the lives and faith of others. This year the event began with opening worship and an inspired keynote address by Bishop Chris Boerger. Three sessions of workshops followed which included core curriculum classes, multicultural issues, creative storytelling, Bible studies, discipleship, youth and justice, mission trips, and renewing families among many others.

Each year congregations are invited to lift up outstanding Christian leaders who have had an impact on the educational life of their congregations. The award is presented in four categories; administration, adult education, confirmation, and Children's ministry and programs. This year's recipients were Chelsea Flying Cloud, Rachel Duong, and Holly Larsen from First Lutheran of Bothell; Diane Miltenberger from Christ the Servant in Bellingham; Maureen Bourne from St. John's Lutheran in Sprague; and Jeanne Taylor, Heather Coon, and Sheryl Johnson from Holy Spirit in Kirkland.

Hip Hop in Church?

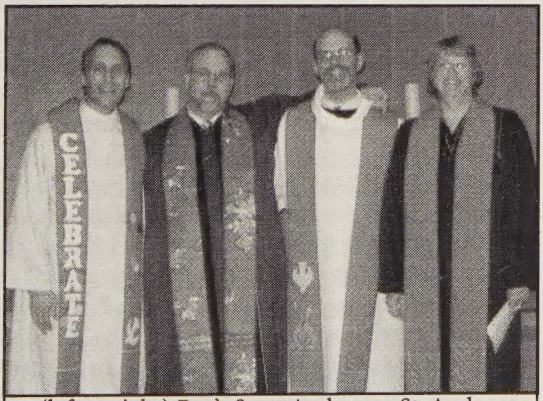
Christian hip-hop artist Agape will be leading a Lenten worship service for people of all ages Wednesday, March 15, at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church. Agape or Dave Scherer, has been inspiring audiences with his relational ministry for quite some time and will be leading us on our journey to answer the question, Is there anything real we can count on? Worship begins at 7 p.m. Please consider joining us. Contact Andy Hermanson for more information at ahermanson@shlc.org.

A Celebration of Christian Unity

Nativity, Renton, was a primary participant in *A Celebration of Christian Unity* on January 29. Rev. Bob Lewis, pastor at Nativity, has been participating in a lectionary study group with Rev. Carol Kirkpatrick, Kent First Presbyterian; Rev. Scott Anderson, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Renton; and Rev. Ken Coleman, Renton United Christian Church.

As these pastors began to talk about the week of Christian Unity, they proposed to celebrate it over a month and exchanged pulpits in a round robin over four weeks. Through these initial contacts with the congregations they were encouraged to celebrate together with a combined service which occurred on January 29.

In spite of the torrential rain, the service was enthusiastically supported by all four congregations including 87 voices in a combined choir, two bell choirs which combined gifts, several children who served as readers, judicatory representatives from each denomination, and an inspired sermon by Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The four congregations are encouraged by their ecumenical partnerships and plan to continue and grow in their relationship.



(left to right) Rev's Scott Anderson, St. Andrew Presbyterian; Ken Colman, United Christian Church; Bob Lewis, Nativity Lutheran and Carol Kirkpatrick, Kent First Presbyterian.

An Evening Of Unity

An enthusiastic crowd of over 175 people gathered together on Phinney Ridge in Seattle on January 19 in an *Evening of Unity* marking the commemoration of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. They listened to Keynote Speaker, the Honorable Ron Sims, King County Executive, as he addressed the important role of faith communities in advocacy. He especially commended King County's religious community for its work on behalf of the homeless, the hallmark being the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness endorsed by the county.

Following Sims' address, the ecumenical group representing seven area churches (including Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church and St. John United Lutheran Church) and five denominations had roundtable discussions with their neighbors about social justice issues in Seattle. They raised specific questions to which Sims responded. The evening concluded with a prayer service energized by the musical offerings of the Phinney Ridge Gospel Choir and members of the St. Therese Gospel Choir.

Men's Ministry A Priority

Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM), the men's ministry of the ELCA, shipped nearly 6,000 Bibles in January to the organization's representatives in the church's 65 synods, according to Doug Haugen, LMM director. Each synod will be able to use six Bibles in each of 15 congregations to start or restart men's ministries.

LMM placed almost 6,000 copies of *The Master Builders Bible for Men*, featuring a Men's Ministry Leaders Supplement, into the hands of six men in each of about 1,000 ELCA congregations in 2002 and 2003. "This effort was so successful a few years ago, that we have made a commitment to start 1,000 new men's ministries a year for the next three years by distributing the Master Builders Bible for Men to leaders," Haugen said.

The Master Builders Bible for Men is a special edition of the Serendipity Bible. An LMM representative in each ELCA synod will pick 15 congregations to receive complimentary Bibles. Up to six leaders in each congregation will be given Bibles to assist them in their men's ministry. Additional copies of The Master Builders Bible for Men are available through Augsburg Fortress, the ELCA's publishing ministry.

"When men encounter Christ through an effective men's ministry, every area of congregational life benefits," said an LMM promotion.

The program was made possible through donations from individual men and from congregational and synod men's ministries. The Lutheran Men in Mission home page is at www.elca.org/lmm.

Our synod's local representative is Ron Sailer, member of Bethlehem in Marysville and a member of Synod Council. Ron has also created a website at www.ourmim.org.

To contact Ron, email him at sailer@lutheransnw.org or telephone him at 360-658-0461.

Update
ELCA Board of Pensions

Thinking About Taxes?—Copies of the "2005 Minister's Guide for Income Tax" have been mailed to ELCA pastors and others with special tax considerations. The comprehensive guide is updated annually to reflect changes in the Internal Revenue Service tax code during the previous year. Find additional information at http://www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/taxes_housing.

Compare Your Retirement Saving Alternatives—With our new comparison tool, you can compare four different types of retirement savings accounts according to your personal circumstances. For you, which account can potentially provide the most after-tax retirement income? Find out at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/calculators/Retirement_saving_tool.asp.

Your ELCA Retirement Plan Offers *Home* For Other Accounts—Did you know there is a simple way to manage all of your retirement assets? By consolidating your accounts in the ELCA Retirement Plan, you will be able to control your investments more easily. Lear more about the benefits of consolidating your retirement accounts at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/investment_education/rollovers.asp.

Youth and Family Ministry

2006 Holden Youth Weekends

The popular May youth weekend retreats at Holden Village are now sponsored by Trinity Lutheran College, in partnership with Holden and local congregations. Enjoy speakers, workshops, music and (of course) the beauty of Holden Village. Download registration forms at www.tlc.edu.

The SALLT Project

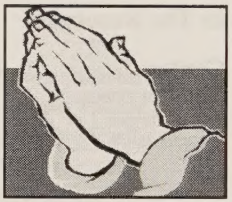
The SALLT (Service and Learning Leadership Training) Project will train over 100 young adults, 100 high school students, and 70 adult youth leaders over the next two years.

Funded by a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, SALLT is a partnership between Trinity Lutheran College, Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center, Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Northwest Washington Synod Youth Ministries of the ELCA, campus ministries at PLU, UW, and WWU, and the Lutheran Public Policy office of Washington. Interested youth or adults are encouraged to contact Dave Ellingson at ellingson@tlc.edu or 425-961-5541 for additional information and an application.

News and Notes

- **Rev. Dorcas Wang** was ordained on Jan. 15 at Queen Anne in Seattle. Dorcas is being called by Queen Anne to continue her work in China.
- ***An Epiphany in the Emerald City,*** sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Region IV Conference, will be held from July 7-10. (Region IV includes 12 states and 3 provinces.) This conference will be at Seattle University with a day trip to Whidbey Island. This conference is designed for Pastors and Musicians and will focus on the Epiphany Season, Cycle C. Early registration deadline is April 1. More information at www.alcm.org Region IV link. All congregations should have received a mailing.
- **The Maritime Ministry Salmon Dinner** will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at Trinity in Lynnwood. There will be a program and news of this ministry to people from around the world. Tickets are $12 and can be obtained from any of the chaplains or committee members. For information call 425-771-9594.
- More than 160 people attended the **Lutheran Advocacy Day** in the Olympia on Feb. 9. This was double the number who attended last year. The church's public witness was definitely in motion that day.
- **Save The Date.** The Lutheran Public Policy Office's Third Annual fundraiser will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, at St. John United in Seattle. This year we will celebrate 23 years of advocating justice in our state for all of God's creation. Please RSVP by emailing jleisk@ltsg.edu or calling 206-464-4133. This year's theme is "Si, Se Puede." (Yes, We Can).
- The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the ELCA, announced Jan. 31 that he has appointed **Kristi S. Bangert** to a four-year term as executive director, ELCA Communication Services, effective Feb. 1. You can read the full press release at www.elca.org/news.
- ***A Time for Burning,*** a landmark civil rights film featuring the struggles of Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha, Neb., and its pastor, the Rev. William Youngdahl, was named to the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress. The film is one of only 25 films to be designated this year out of more than 1,000 films nominated. *A Time for Burning*, produced and released in 1966 by Lutheran Film Associates, will be part of a library of more than 400 selected films preserved for their cultural, historic and artistic significance.
- Pacific Sierra and Pacific Northwest Regions of **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** have merged. Their new name is Sierra Northwest. Knut Olson is assuming the duties of Managing Partner for the new region. Heidi Struve is becoming a Financial Associate and Ron Coen will cover the entire region for Fraternal.

Within Our Family



To Keep In Our Prayers...

We continue to hold in our prayers:

- † **Rev. Ben Bretheim (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Chuck Davis,** Counseling Associates in Edmonds, and his **wife Nancy**
- † **Rev. John Ericksen**
- † **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.) and his wife Pat**
- † **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Ron Soine (ret.)**

We pray for:

- † **The Rev. Henry Ericksen (ret.)** is continuing to recuperate from a bad cold. Cards may be sent to: 16437 NE 19th St, Bellevue, WA 98008-2601.
- † **Mary Finlayson, mother of DeDe Boerger and mother-in-law of the Rev Chris Boerger, Bishop,** is recuperating from surgery. Please pray for the Finlayson and Boerger families.
- † **The Rev. Richard (Dick) Sorenson (ret.)** died on February 2. Rev. Sorenson was pastor at St. John in Seattle, now St. John United, from 1962 to 1978. His wife, Oda, is living on Vashon Island. A memorial service for Richard Sorenson will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, at St John United, 5515 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, Please hold Dick Sorenson and his family in prayer.
- † **The family of Emil Jensen, father of the Rev. Carol Jensen, St. John United, Seattle.** Emil died on February 1. Emil was in his early 90's. Cards can be sent to Rev. Carol Jensen at: St John United, 5515 Phinney Ave N; Seattle, WA 98103. The service for Emil Jensen will be Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. at St John United. The address is 5515 Phinney Ave N.
- **Rev. Vern Hunt (ret.)** continues to heal from surgery. Cards can be sent to his home: 16756 39th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98155-5604.
- **The Rev. Holle Plaehn (ret.)** as he continues to heal from pneumonia.
- **The Rev. Lou Gabrielsen (ret.)** and his wife Dee as they continue to recuperate from a car accident.

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.

In The Region 1 Resource Center

Video Resources
In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

Bioethics and the Book of Life (V-1415)—Has science outpaced our ability to make moral choices? What is the role of religion and ethics in grappling with these choices? *Bioethics and the Book of Life,* divided into ten segments drawn from today's headlines, will provide viewers with perspective on these critical questions and the response of theologians and religious leaders to these scientific accomplishments. There is a discussion guide. Running time of the video is 90 minutes.

Parable (D-34)—A timeless classic of service and self-sacrifice, *Parable* was the ground-breaking, award winning film that astounded crowds at the 1964 New York World's Fair. Using only strong visual images and music, *Parable* continues to speak volumes to contemporary audiences about compassion, combating injustice and selfless giving. Simple. Direct. A discussion guide is included. Suggested audience is youth to adults. Running time of the DVD is 22 minutes. It is appropriate for Sunday School, retreats and youth groups.

Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Deaths		
The Rev. Richard (Dick) Sorenson (ret.)		2/1/2006
Installations		
Gretchen Weller	St. Matthew's, Renton	2/26/2006
Transfers in/out of Synod		
Peter T. Beckman (ret.)	From Grand Canyon Synod	2/1/2006
Charles Mays (ret.)	From SWWA Synod	2/2/2006
Sister Elizabeth Steele, Deaconess (ret.)	From NW Ohio Synod	2/6/2006
Gretchen Weller	From South-Central Synod of Wisc.	2/26/2006
Occasions		
Decommissioning Building	St. Stephen's, Shoreline	1/8/2006
Ordinations/Commissionings		
Susan Hookham	Immanuel, Everson	1/15/2006
Dorcas Wang	Queen Anne, Seattle	1/15/2006
Resignation		
John M. Ericksen	Prince of Peace, Everett	1/1/2006

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Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

n Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
ainbridge Island, Bethany	A/SP	P	Marty Dasler, Lead Pastor
ellevue, Cross of Christ	PR	I	Maynard Atik, Interim
ellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	P	John Olson, Interim
urien, Glendale	PR	P	Douglas Stensby, Interim
amano, Camano Island	PR	C	Chris Anderson, Interim
uster, Zion	PR	TR	Jay Decker, Interim
dmonds, Edmonds	PR	TR	Katheryn Schlechter and Linda Nou, Interim Pastors
verett, Faith	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
verett, Prince of Peace	PR	NV	Supply
ynden, Hope	PR	TR	Jean Barrington, Interim
oint Roberts, Trinity	PR	TR	Supply
edmond, Faith	PR	TR	Paul Wuest, Interim
enton, St. Matthew	A/SP	P	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
eattle, Calvary	PR	TR	Karen L. Hanson, Interim
eattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	P	Supply
anwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply
anwood, Our Saviour's	PR	TR	Mike Swain, Interim
oodenville, Wooden Cross	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I	= Interviewing
C	= Calling
NV	= New Vacancy
V	= Vacancy
SC	= Synod Call
TR	= Transition process
P	= Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO	= Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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